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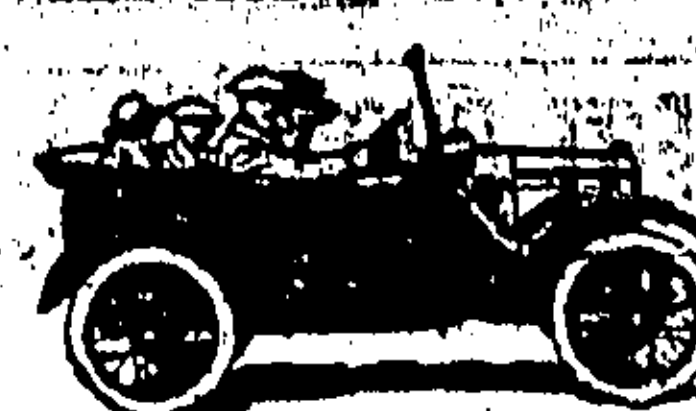
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LONDON, November 3.
Twelve persons were killed and many injured through the derailment of the engine of the Liverpool-Blackpool express.

The disaster occurred between Wreagreen and Lytham, when the engine dashed into a signal box which was completely turned round.

WHITE STAR COMMANDER KILLED.

Latest reports of the train smash indicate the difficulty in identifying the bodies, as the night was very dark, though thousands of helpers and hundreds of motor-cars were rushed to the scene of the disaster. The killed include Captain Charles Greame, commander of the White Star liner "Bardic." Many people were terribly injured.

A number of prominent Lancashire business men were involved in the disaster. One man was decapitated and another was obliged to have one of his legs amputated.

The signal-box was smashed to smithereens; the signal-man was hurled into a brook below the embankment, but escaped with his life.

HOME ELECTIONS.

TWO LIBERAL VICTORIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, November 3.
The English Combined Universities' election to two seats resulted in the return of Sir Martin Conway (Conservative) and Mr. H. A. L. Fisher (Liberal).

Another Liberal, Sir Murdoch MacDonald, was returned for Inverness.

CHICAGO DISASTER. TRAIN AND TRAM COLLIDE. SMASH AT LEVEL CROSSING.

TEN LIVES LOST.

(Reuter's American Service.)

CHICAGO, November 4.
Ten persons were killed and thirty injured in a collision between a goods train and a crowded tramcar, which was crossing the railway track.

The passengers in the tramcar were a merry party returning from a masquerade. The victims were taken either to the hospital or mortuary in their gaudy masquerade apparel.

The gateman has been arrested and charged with not closing the gates to prevent the tramcar crossing the line while the train was approaching.

OPIUM.

CONFERENCE MEETS AT GENEVA.

PLANS TO PREVENT SMOKING.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, November 3.
The international conference on the prevention of opium-smoking in the Far East, summoned by the League of Nations, met here to-day.
Dr. Van Veltum, of the Netherlands, was appointed President.
The Vice-President chosen is Prince Charoon of Siam.

All countries, where opium-smoking is practised, were represented. To-day's proceedings were devoted to questions of procedure. The discussions will continue to-morrow.

PAY THE PENALTY.

SLAYERS OF MR. IMBRIE EXECUTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

TEHERAN, November 3.
The two men, who were convicted of the murder of Mr. Imbrie, have been executed.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

BALANCE FOR LABOUR.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, November 3.
Municipal elections were held in three hundred boroughs of England and Wales on Saturday. The chief feature was the determined labour attack, the number of labour candidates exceeding that of either the Conservatives or Liberals. Results hitherto show a large turnover of seats with a balance somewhat in favour of Labour. The Conservatives improved their position slightly but the Liberals lost heavily.

With the Labourites relegated to the limbo of a helpless minority the newspapers are longly discussing the personnel and possibilities of the new Government, in connection with which Mr. Baldwin has an embarrassing task of arranging fifty-two governmental appointments for which there are at least seventy-seven applicants.

The "Morning Post" welcomes the era of a national policy of development of Empire trade.

The "Times," remarking that the result of the election has silenced talk of British decadence very common recently on the Continent, says that a new and great opportunity is given to British statesmanship and that the country is now in a position to look calmly ahead while it recovered two of the most important assets of foreign policy namely, time and confidence. Alluding to foreign problems as in growing simple, it refers to the growing unrest in the near middle east and emphasises the need of developing an intelligent and "clear" British policy in regard to the remarkable developments in China.

SUICIDE ON HOLIDAY.

INQUEST STORY ON MALAY CIVIL SERVANT.

A breakdown in health while engaged as a civil servant in the Malay States was revealed at the inquest at Christchurch on Joseph Alfred Barrett (28), of Glenworth Road, Clifton Woods, Bristol, whose decapitated body was found on the railway. His motor-car was found abandoned at Raehol Hill, close to the railway. The Rev. R. O. Barrett, of Bristol, his brother, said that the dead man returned from the Malay States ten months ago physically run down and mentally depressed. He left home a few days before to spend a holiday at Bournemouth. The night porter of a Boscombe hotel said that Barrett arrived at the hotel presenting a ruffled appearance. His strange manner caused the porter to visit Barrett's bedroom, but he then appeared to be quiet.

A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was recorded. [The Malayan Civil Service List shows that the deceased came to Malaya in June, 1922, as Assistant Conservator of Forests, F.M.S.]

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It is understood that Sir Alexander Mackenzie is writing his reminiscences. Despite his age, the veteran Scottish musician has enormous powers of work, and since his recent retirement from the post of Principal of the Royal Academy of Music relieved him of official duties, he has been filling up his time in a fashion that should give pleasure to many people. For Sir Alexander, from his early days in Scotland and in Germany in the sixties, has always been in touch with interesting personalities in the musical world. Also, he is a humorist.

Mr. Cochran's Set-Back.

Mr. C. B. Cochran, the eminent impresario, who provides London with various kinds of theatrical fare, prize fights, rodeos, and what not, being a showman, has talked to the Press about his bankruptcy as frankly as in the past he discussed his successes or expected successes. He has had some very bad luck; such as a serious illness, during which those responsible for his affairs, when the doctors had cut him off from business, made a "safety" decision which lost him a lot of money. Then he put up a very expensive musical play, with Delysia as the star; after a week or two Delysia had, through illness, to surrender her part, and the public interest collapsed.

Heather Day at R.S.C.

Heather Day, always an interesting annual event at Crane Court, the headquarters of the Royal Scottish Corporation, was remarkable for the large number of pensioners who attended. Over 200, some of whom travelled many miles to be present, took occasion to renew old associations. They gathered in the large hall of the Corporation, where a service was conducted by the Rev. James Fergusson, parish minister of Corstorphine. After the service the pensioners were served with refreshments by a band of willing helpers under the able leadership of the secretary, Mr. T. R. Moncrieff. Each guest was presented with a bunch of heather, which had been gathered in the Highlands and thoughtfully sent by the Duchess of Atholl, Lady Francis Balfour, Lady Hermonie Cameron, and several other friends of the pensioners.

Honour for Mr. Findlay.

The members of the Savage Club paid merited compliment to a popular member when they gathered in force at luncheon to bid farewell to Mr. J. T. Findlay, the chairman and editor of the "Shipping World." Mr. Findlay, who is a native of Peterhead, is returning to live in Aberdeenshire. He is not, however, giving up entirely his connection with the publication with which he has been so honourably connected for so many years. He is retaining his controlling interest in it. This will necessitate several journeys a year to London, and the members of the Club will have the pleasure of seeing him on those occasions. Mr. Ben Thomas, the cartoonist, contributed to the humour of the afternoon, for he had drawn on the menu a picture of Mr. Findlay taking leave of a London policeman, who asked: "Will ye no come back again?" Mr. Findlay's knowledge of shipping affairs is very extensive, and his opinions were valued because they were always given with scrupulous fairness.

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The Early Cigarette.

Mr. John Fortescue has been writing his recollections of the early days of cigarette smoking. He says that in November 1877 he was "jeered at every little boy as he walked along the streets in London smoking a cigarette. When the British Army went to Egypt in 1882 the officers and men, being unable to obtain anything else, smoked cigarettes and came home delighted with them. The result was that numerous firms of Egyptian cigarette merchants opened branches in London. The cigarette had, however, long before this been the habit of smoking cigarettes being "quite la grande mode" of late with certain French ladies." About the same year Mrs. Isabella Romer published her travels in the Rhone district, and in this book she remarked, "The beggars in the streets have paper cigars called cigarettes in their mouths." The probability is that the date of the introduction of the cigarette into England could be carried farther back than Mr Fortescue's date, and the Crimean War is a more likely period.

Miss Marjorie Bowen.

Meeting Marjorie Bowen for the first time at a big dinner party given by a famous women's club, one is agreeably thrilled that she so nearly comes up to expectations as the author of "The Viper of Milan" (says writer in the "Westminster Gazette.") True, she wrote that—her first—novel

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when but 17, and for aught one knows may have worn flounced poodles at that age when she went on to parties. But now the array of tall slender figure in brocade of a richness more suggestive of Italy in the hey-day of the Medici than of "twentieth-century" England. And her lace and jewels match that sumptuous period. Her mouth strengthens the impression made by her gown. It has a curious mobility and upward turning corners indicative of a strong liking for the bizarre, and even repellent, aspects of life. And the laugh that issues from it when the ritual of dining is nearly ended calls up visions of one Gianfrancesco, of "emeralds green as the leaves of rank lilies under water," of a yellow palace on the Grand Canal when the ruler of Tuscany had no power in the Republic of Venice. Gianfrancesco was a man, you say? Quite so, but if you have studied Marjorie Bowen's writings you will know that she is more successful in drawing male than feminine characters. A friend, who is a firm believer in the doctrine of re-incarnation, has a theory that the author of "The Viper of Milan," "The Third Estate," "Roccoco," and half a dozen other historical novels, was a man once upon a time, and her most hectic existence that during the historical period about which she writes so convincingly!

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MARRIAGES.

BIRTHS.

MELLISH — BOYES.—On October 8, at Christ Church, Vancouver, by the Rev. J. R. Craig, John Frederick, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mellish, of Vancouver, to Beatrice Roma Boyes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Boyes, of Shanghai.

LAKE — WALSHAM.—On October 21, at H.B.M. Consulate, Fochow, before Mr. C. Rene Lee, Acting Consul, and afterwards at the English Episcopal Church by the Right Rev. Bishop Hind, assisted by the Rev. W. P. Williams and the Rev. E. Norton, Lieutenant Commander H. N. Lake, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., to Florence May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Walsham, of Fochow.

HUMMEL — WARREN.—On October 29, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, Shanghai, and afterwards at Holy Trinity Cathedral by the Very Rev. Dean Symons, M.A., Harold Victor, youngest son of the late Professor J. J. Hummel, of Leeds, England, and Mrs. W. Ure Hummel, of Vancouver, B.C., to Helen Imogen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Warren, of Toronto, Ont., and Penticton, B.C.

BETINES.—On October 26, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Betines, a daughter (Thelma).

WOODYARD.—On October 26, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert D. Woodyard, a daughter, Ida Cornelia.

KIRBY.—On October 29, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kirby, a daughter.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, Nov. 4, 1924.

BUDGET DEBATE.

Reading the report of yesterday's budget debate in the Legislative Council, even cursorily, the observant resident cannot fail to be struck by the thought that, whatever grounds there may be for urging some larger measure of popular representation in Hongkong, the business capacity of our officials is above criticism. This thought has been prompted by

earlier budget debates—it was voiced in the "China Mail" so recently as last year—but possibly it has never been more insistent than it is to-day. Yesterday's debate, although of course it offers many points for criticism which we shall develop in due time, proves also that, disagree with them as naturally we sometimes must, we are very fortunate in our officials, who, besides being actuated by the highest motives, as goes without saying, have a very real sense of most of the Colony's more urgent needs—we would have said of all the Colony's more urgent needs, were it not that we know the Government's obstinacy over the health board issue is still rankling in the public mind, one of several just grounds for grievance. However, as we have said, we are bound to find fault with many items in the budget—and in the unofficial suggestions too—but this need not prevent us from congratulating both officials and unofficials upon their zeal in the community's interests, resulting in a debate which, recalling that unhappy clash over the health board issue, might well serve as a model for future meetings of the Legislative Council, thus fully restoring public confidence in that body's sagacity, responsibility, and dignity. To-day it is not our intention to deal with the various points raised in yesterday's debate—how could one in the limited space left by the report of the debate deal with such important questions, as municipal councils, public health and military lands?—but we cannot close without joining the unofficials in congratulating the Governor upon his wise financial policy and echoing the hope that His Excellency's term in office here will be extended for another five years, a hope based not so much upon the claims of his latest budget for praise, but upon his entire record in the Colony.

Elections In U.S.

To-day the people of the United States of America will meet at the polls to elect a President of the Republic. There are eight candidates, of whom only three are generally considered to stand a chance of being chosen. These are President Calvin Coolidge, Mr. John W. Davis and Senator Robert La Follette. The first two represent respectively the republican and democratic elements—the two "big parties"—while the last-named is the leader of the Progressives, who express dissatisfaction with the two-party system as it has been developed during recent years. On Friday last, a private cable announced that the betting was six to one on Mr. Coolidge. A New York message, received here yesterday, gave the quotation as nine to one on. The "Literary Digest," according to custom, has conducted a straw vote, and the results, in the number to hand by last mail, indicate that President Coolidge is an overwhelmingly strong favourite for re-election in all sections—except, of course the "solid South."

Conservative estimates are to the effect that Coolidge is almost certain to secure the electoral vote from the following states: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Kansas, Utah, California, Washington and Oregon. These victories would give him a total of 266, or just sufficient to ensure choice in the electoral college. In addition, Minnesota and Iowa are good republican bets, and Coolidge is accorded by many at least an even chance in Nebraska.

There appears little doubt that Mr. Coolidge will be successful at the polls to-day, but doubts evidently exist as to the complexion of the next Congress. Latest reports from the United States indicate that the republican campaign organization is bending all efforts to impress upon the people the necessity of giving the President a republican congress if his policies are to be carried out. But the rub lies in the fact that the name "republican" does not have the significance it boasted of yore, and many a voter has come to the conclusion that he would know better just where he stood were he to vote for a confessed socialist or radical than for one of the candidates who use the party banner for convenience only, and whose real proclivities are only discovered after it is too late.

The Brainy Ones.

We do not know what percentage of "China Mail" readers happen to be the "only child," but doubtless they will be duly filled with pride to learn of the advantage they have over the offspring of parents with more than a single olive branch. After a thorough investigation of the records of 600 families in a typical Iowa city, Dr. Hornell Hart, has reached the conclusion that the only child has more brains than children with many brothers and sisters. He declares that school progress, in excess or defect of the amount to be expected from mental-test ability, is at a maximum in families of four or five living children, and at a minimum in families of ten children or over. The difference between the two groups is such that the average child in the very large family loses about one-third of a year through conditions other than mental-test ability associated with large families. The larger the family the greater the tendency is for the children to leave school at the earliest possible age. Of families with seven or more living children, fourteen per cent. are chronically dependent as compared with three per cent. among families with six children or less. As far as can be ascertained from teachers' ratings, children in large families are less energetic, less kind, less sincere, and less honest than children from small families. This conclusion is fairly certain for energy, but not so decisive for the other characteristics. Contrary to general impression, children without brothers and sisters compare very favourably with children having brothers or sisters. Birth order appears to have very little significance.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The rainfall at the Botanical Gardens during October totalled 9.70 inches. No less than 6.85 inches fell on one day, the 4th. There were nine wet days in all.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending October 18, amounted to 88,651 tons. The sales during the period were 36,325 tons.

"The Life of a Disciple" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hongkong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday November 5, at 5.45 p.m. All are welcome.—*Adv.*

The "China Mail" understands that The Coronet Theatre will show a film of a remarkable nature on Armistice and following days, in keeping with the occasion—a screening that will take place eight hours in advance of the initial showing in England. Future announcements should be carefully noted.

Owing to the interruption of the Pacific route all cable traffic to America is being forwarded via Atlantic, and by special arrangement telegrams to places where the normal rates via Pacific the latter rates will be charged. On traffic to Pacific Islands the Atlantic rates will be charged.

The Sanitary Board meets this afternoon. Among the business is the following: Letter from Government relative to the appointment of Mr. S. W. Tso to be a member of the Sanitary Board for a further term of three years; Letter from Government relative to the regular reports of the bacteriological and chemical examination of the water of the Colony; Vacation leave of the President.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Kwong Sing was charged with robbery at Cheung Lok Street on October 17, a further charge of receiving three pieces of clothing being also preferred against him and another Chinese. The victim was a Chinese woman, from whom clothing and jewellery to the value of over \$100 was stolen. After hearing evidence, the Magistrate adjourned the case.

Last night at the Theatre Royal, the Italian Opera presented the double programme of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci," to a small but appreciative audience. It would hardly be fair to compare the rendering of the two pieces, for although the theme is much the same in both, that of a jealous lover and still more jealous husband, the setting is so vastly different. On the whole, however, "Pagliacci" appeared to be more appreciated by those present. The artists played their parts most effectively. Santuzza, was most effectively played by "Mlle. Lashkova," while Sig. Giletta as Turiddu, was the false lover, who is killed in the end by Alfio (Sig. Scianuzzi), for making love to his wife. Lola (Mlle. Bianca Minetti), the part of Mimmi Sola, was ably played by Mlle. Polastri.

STEAMER ARRESTED.

PORTUGUESE VESSEL IS SEIZED.

TAKEN TO CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MACAO, November 4. News has reached Macao that one of the small coasting steamers flying the Portuguese flag and trading between this part of the coast and Kwong Chau Wan, has been "arrested" by a Chinese man-of-war and taken to Canton.

The steamer is believed to be the "Hok Canton" which is at present on the Hongkong-Kwong Chau Wan run. She seldom puts in at Macao. The warship is believed to have been Dr. Sun Yat-sen's flagship, the cruiser "Wing-fung."

According to rumour the warship met the "Hok Canton" at Sam Pui Chau (Three Cups of Wine) and alleged the merchantman had on board a large quantity of opium while another source says that a considerable amount of Canton silver twenty-cent pieces were on board.

The "Hok Canton" is under command of a Portuguese captain. The engineer and all the other officers are Chinese. The ship was last reported to be awaiting investigation in Canton harbour.

HONGKONG'S CLIMATE.

SHANTUNG, "BOBBY" NOT PLEASED WITH IT.

FINED FOR DESERTION.

A Shantung policeman, who was arrested at Weihaiwei and brought back to Hongkong, appeared before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistracy this morning when he was charged with desertion.

The defendant excused himself on the ground that the climate was unsuitable.

The Captain Superintendent of Police entered a plea for a fine which would act as a deterrent to other members of the force running away, and stated that he was prepared to reinstate the man if he was not sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$50 or two months' imprisonment, and warned the defendant that he would not be let off so easily the next time as he was under agreement which must be carried out.

SHANGHAI'S TEAM.

OLLERDESSEN NOT COMING FOR CRICKET.

CHANGE OF DATE?

Just before going to press, Mr. L. S. Greenhill, honorary secretary of the H.K.C.C., informed the "China Mail" that H. B. Ollerdesen, the crick Shanghai batsman who had been selected to play here against Malaya and Hongkong, was not coming and that Evans and Leslie were joining the Shanghai team.

They would be likely to arrive here on the "Empress of Russia" on Monday next. This might mean that the first match would start on November 13, Thursday, instead of Friday as fixed provisionally.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr P. Heathcote of the Treasury Department will be a passenger for Sydney by the "Mishima Maru" leaving this port on the 22nd instant.

Lieutenant L. B. A. Majendie and Lieutenant W. B. Berridge, on joining the "Thetis," Hongkong, in December, will assume command of submarines of the flotilla here.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Geoffrey Norman Orme, Director of Education, to Miss Hilda Marie Thompson, assistant mistress of the Central British School.

Major Zinni, who is now in Japan, has abandoned the remainder of his flight round the world for the time being. It is possible, according to a Tokyo message, that the flight may be resumed next year.

Ernest L. Elber, an American teacher at the Leyte high school, Philippine Islands, committed suicide on the beach at Camp Bumpus, Tacloban, by shooting himself with a revolver. Disappointment in a love affair is believed to be the cause.

Commissioned Gunner C. E. Thompson and Gunner A. H. Wood have been ordered to join the "Tamar" and the "Magnolia" respectively, early in December. Signal Boatman L. C. Hopkins has been ordered to join the "Hawkins," flagship of the China Station, as from the 28th October.

RACING NOTES.

THE SHATIN HANDICAPS.

[By Argus.]

In my last notes, I discussed the weights allotted in the Shek-O Handicaps (one mile) to be decided next Saturday. To-day it is timely to look into the Shatin Handicaps (1 1/4 miles).

The "B" class will be decided as the sixth event. Weights have been given to 20 ponies.

Koh-i-Nor heads the list with 161 lbs. and it is difficult to see what he has done on this course to earn it. He has started four times. In the Commonwealth Handicap (6 furlongs) on May 24, with 149 lbs. in the saddle, he ran unplaced behind Magnificent

Dahlia, Benz, King Charlie and Rialto Star. On June 7, with the same weight, he ran third in the Chesham Handicap (6 furlongs) being beaten by Hartfield (162 lbs.) and Rotherham (158 lbs.), the distances being 2 and 1 1/2 lengths. Two days later, carrying 150 lbs., he ran third in the Park Plate to Hartfield and Spotted Sand, each packing 155 lbs. He was 5 lengths behind the winner and, with the exception of the unreliable Strathfarrar, the "also rans" were of little account. Later the same afternoon, he beat Starland and Nastaran II. in the Walmer Plate (1 mile). The weights were 155, 150 and 155 respectively. He won by 3/4 length in 2.12 in fair going. He is now asked to concede 3 lbs. to Satisfaction Dahlia, 4 lbs. to Woodpecker, 8 lbs. to Mountain Hawk and 11 lbs. to Cottongrass. The last-named, however, has been very lightly treated. In the Beekhampton Handicap (1 1/4 miles) on October 11 eight went to the post. They are given below with weights then carried and burdens for next Saturday:

Pony.	Then.	Now.
Woodpecker	154	157
Day of Surprise	152	152
Gaudie	162	159
Durian	158	155
Wattheau	146	150
Cottongrass	150	150
Mopoke	152	—
Satisfaction Dahlia	153	158

It will be remembered Cottongrass took no part in the race, which resulted as follows:—

Satisfaction Dahlia	Wattheau	Woodpecker
1	2	3

Day of Surprise

Won by 1 length; 1 1/2; 1.

It is only reasonable to expect Cottongrass to appear on the same level as before.

A comparison shows, however, that he will meet Satisfaction Dahlia on 5 lbs. better terms, Wattheau on 4 lbs. and Woodpecker on 3 lbs. better terms. As regards Day of Surprise and Cottongrass, they meet on similar terms. Gaudie and Durian each have 3 lbs. the better of the argument. How is one to reconcile these weights in view of the fact that Cottongrass took no part in the race?

The "A" Class.

Turning to the "A" Class we find:—

Pony.	Then.	Now.
Spotted Sand	165	165
Rotherham	161	—
Newton Abbot	157	157
Rivergrass	—	155
Kashmir	155	153
Silver Spear	154	155
Pencastle	151	153
Rialto Star	151	153
Valiant Dahlia	150	154
Grey Dragon	150	157
Fraserfield	149	151
Roman Parrot	148	155
Orient Dahlia	148	152
Washington	146	152
Zenda	—	148

The result of the race on October 11 was:—

Roman Parrot	Grey Dragon	Rialto Star	Newton Abbot	Orient Dahlia
1	2	3	4	5

There were only five runners; the distances at the finish between the first four were 1 1/2 lengths; 1 length; a neck.

The fact that Roman Parrot was disqualified, after passing the post first in the Reading Handicap "A" class, earlier in the afternoon on October 11, saved him from incurring a 7 lbs. penalty.

We will pass that phase of the question for the moment. The fact remains that, in receipt of 2 lbs., he beat Grey Dragon by 1 1/2 lbs. He incurs no penalty for this performance. What inference can be drawn—there is only one!

As regards Grey Dragon and Newton Abbot, they met in the St. Leger (1 1/4 miles) on October 18, when the weights were:—

Grey Dragon	Newton Abbot
156 lbs.	151 lbs.

Grey Dragon beat Newton Abbot by 3 lengths. They are now in at level weights. Surely if Grey Dragon in receipt of 7 lbs. can beat Newton Abbot by over 2 1/2 lengths in a 1 1/4 mile race on

DEALING IN ARMS.

"CAT" FOR GERMAN IN SINGAPORE.

TWO YEARS' JAIL ALSO.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, November 3. A German stoker, employed on the s.s. "Coblentz," has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment and ten strokes with the "cat" for dealing in arms.

Prisoner was convicted of selling arms to a Chinese, who yesterday shot and killed a policeman and wounded others.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

HO TUNG FAMILY DUE HERE SOON.

ON BOARD S.S. "COBLENTZ."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, November 3. Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung and their two daughters are passengers on the s.s. "Coblentz," which is now in port. The Ho Tung family are sailing for Hongkong by the s.s. "Coblentz," which leaves to-day.

BOUND NORTH.

DR. SUN TO JOURNEY TO PEKING.

THE HAND OF KARAKHAN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, November 3. If current reports can be believed, there seems little doubt that Dr. Sun Yat-sen has made up his mind to proceed to the North, possibly to Peking, to discuss peace prospects and a solution to the present political tangle.

M. Karakhan, the Soviet envoy in Peking, is believed to have materially influenced Dr. Sun's decision.

DEPARTURE UNCERTAIN.

However, the date of departure has not been fixed. A reasonable surmise is that Dr. Sun is trying to clear up one or two outstanding matters of importance prior to leaving Canton. In this connection it is stated that conferences have been held at headquarters in Canton to make the necessary appointment.

Wu Han-min is likely to continue as Governor, acting for the Generalissimo.

October 11 and defeat him, on October 13, in a 1 1/4 mile race by 3 lengths, giving him 5 lbs. (a difference of 12 lbs. in favour of Newton Abbot), he should be asked to concede weight to Newton Abbot on Saturday next in the Shatin Handicap over the 1 1/4 mile course. If any one can conscientiously reconcile the weights allotted to Roman Parrot, Grey Dragon and Newton Abbot—on October 11 and for next Saturday (Roman Parrot did not start in the St. Leger)—I should be interested to learn his line of argument.

There is little wonder that the handicapping of these three ponies for the 1 1/4 mile race next Saturday has been the subject of very severe comment. I have gone to considerable pains to look at the matter from the handicapper's point of view, but cannot fathom the basis of the allotment, for the following reasons:—

(1).—Granting for the sake of argument that both Grey Dragon and Newton Abbot, in the race on October 11, might have been made more use of earlier in the race, the fact remains that Grey Dragon was beaten handsomely by Roman Parrot—the weights being 150 and 148 lbs.

(2).—Though Roman Parrot was disqualified for the Reading Handicap, there is no reason to believe that he would not have won had he not jostled his opponents. This being so, it is fair to assume that he had 7 lbs. in hand in the 1 1/4 mile handicap when he beat Grey Dragon by 1 1/2 lengths.

(3).—Grey Dragon is considered by the handicapper unlucky to have lost to Roman Parrot.

(4).—Grey Dragon by the terms of the St. Leger virtually was set to give Newton Abbot 12 lbs. for having defeated him in the Beekhampton Handicap. He won by 3 lengths. He now meets Newton Abbot at even weights.

(5).—Allowing that Newton Abbot meets Grey Dragon on 7 lbs. better terms than when they met in the Beekhampton Handicap, he still gets 5 lbs. and a 3 lengths beating, the worst of the deal on the St. Leger, running. The handicapper cannot justifiably argue that he has allowed Newton Abbot 7 lbs. for his defeat by Grey Dragon in the Beekhampton Handicap and not take into consideration the result of the St. Leger.

THE BUDGET.

SPEECH BY SIR HENRY POLLOCK, K.C.

REPLIES OF OFFICIALS.

In the "China Mail" last evening were printed the speeches of all the Unofficial Members, delivered at the Legislative Council, with the exception of that of Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., which is given below together with the speeches of the official members.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK.

Malaria.

Sir Henry said:—Sir, I have had the privilege of reading the speech which my honourable friend representing the Chamber of Commerce has just given to the Council. I may say that I agree entirely with what has fallen from him. I shall, in the remarks I have no make, break into new matter, which he has not already dealt with, and naturally, Sir, in looking for matters for comment and criticism we must in the first instance look to Public Works Extraordinary. The first item which I wish to refer to is with regard to the new Fire Brigade Station. The original estimate is stated to have been \$1,110,000, the revised estimate \$1,450,000. The approved estimate for 1924 is \$300,000, the revised estimate of expenditure for 1924 is \$100,000, and the estimate of expenditure for 1925, \$500,000. In connection with this work, which has hung fire for some time, there has been laid upon the table of the Council just now a paper, No. 11 of 1924, with reference to the Fire Station, but I must confess that that paper does not seem to me to be sufficiently explanatory of the position. That paper refers to a contract which was made for some work on the 11th July this year. It does not in any way explain what was being done last year. It does not explain who put in that original estimate for the Fire Brigade Station of \$1,110,000 and it does not explain who it was or under what Director the sum of \$100,000 was expected this year. In fact it leaves a good deal to be imagined by this Council. I should like to know what happened with regard to the previous contract and why it is that nothing was done as regards inviting tenders for this work until July of this year. I assume that there has been an original estimate and a revised estimate, and that the original estimate was given by one party and the revised by another, but as I say, Sir, even with the explanation on the paper we have before the Council to-day, it does not seem to me that what has happened is sufficiently explained. No doubt the Government will be able to explain matters further.

A Suggestion.

His Excellency: Might I suggest to the hon. member that it would perhaps be more convenient if he dealt with individual points when the Bill comes before the Committee and when we can explain more fully.

Sir Henry Pollock: Yes, Sir. There are a number of items in Public Works Extraordinary that I wish to refer to, but I will follow your Excellency's intimation and will now deal with matters not relating to special items in the Estimates.

With reference, Sir, to the question of typhoid, I have spoken a good deal with my honourable friend who represents the Chamber of Commerce on the matter of rapid mechanical filtration, and I would certainly very strongly urge that such mechanical filtration should be put into operation at the earliest possible moment. In connection with the possible question of pollution of the water, I would draw attention to the fact that there are a great number of building operations going on in different parts of the Colony, and it certainly seems to me—and the point has been represented to me by others—that not nearly sufficient attention is paid to the matter of latrine accommodation for the coolies employed on these different works. I think, Sir, with regard to the Pokfulum reservoir, that it is not unreasonable to suppose that some of the contamination, which I understand has been ascertained to exist in that reservoir during the past summer, has been due to the fact that coolies have been at work on the new motor road between the Old Homestead and the Peak Hospital. In mentioning this point, I should also like to suggest, in regard to the many catchwaters being constructed in this Colony, that it is very essential that steps be taken to see that the catchwaters of the coolies, and particularly their latrines, should be below the catchwaters on which they are working and not above them. I do not know whether that point has received attention in the past, but I hope it will receive attention in the future.

Another point of general interest is the question of malaria. As you are well aware, Sir, the number of cases in the Colony in the year 1923 was in excess of those in 1922, and although it has been suggested that to a certain extent it is due to the importation of the Chinese regiment from Weihaiwei, I do not think that that explanation in any means covers the facts of the case. I think that those of us who live on the Peak are well aware that the prevalence of mosquitoes around Mount Kellett, especially on the south and west sides, is still very great, and we submit that the Government should take more drastic measures than they have already done with a view to exterminating mosquitoes in that district. Coming to the north side of the hill, there are nullahs under the Peak tram lines that certainly require to be drained in the interests of public health.

Now, crossing the harbour to Kowloon foothills, we have an instance where there is a great risk of fever, and I have no hesitation in particularly mentioning this district because of the fact that enormous developments have been going on there at the foot of the hills. We have the new Kowloon Hospital not far off from the old road which in the old days divided our territories from those of China, and we have also the Kowloon Tong scheme for housing a number of people of all races. We have big building developments at Sham Shui Po, and also big developments in the neighbourhood of Kowloon City.

Government's Responsibilities.

Well, Sir, there can be no doubt that in the interests of all these various classes and races it is imperative that the Government should take drastic steps to exterminate as far as possible the anopheles mosquito, which, I have been assured by Dr. Woodman, lately in the service of this Colony, abounds in various pools along that line of foothills. I lay special emphasis upon this point because it does not seem to me that we have got any particular department in this Colony which takes upon itself this question of dealing with malaria or other mosquitoes. I think the Government should recognise that it is their responsibility to take steps to see that pools or running water, where anopheles are likely to breed, should be effectively dealt with, either by putting oil over them or by nullahs or by such measures as the M.O.H. recommends for efficiently dealing with the evil.

I notice, Sir, in the P.C.M.O.'s report for last year, that a number of young children were admitted to the Victoria Hospital suffering from a form of malarial fever. I think generally there is great risk that unless the Government take strong measures for the checking of malaria we shall find it constantly on the increase in the Colony.

P.W.D. Staff.

I am very glad indeed to see, Sir, that the Government have been very courageous in this Budget in regard to the increase of the staff of the P.W.D. In this Council for more years past than I care to remember, I have constantly been urging upon the Government that public works could not be speedily or efficiently carried out without an increase of staff, but until this Budget was produced I have always been assured that the Government was making quite sufficient increase of staff and that I was really asking for a bigger staff than was warranted by the case. I am very glad to see that they have come to the view in this budget that this increase in staff is necessary. This, as I say, has been constantly urged, not only by myself but by other Unofficial members of the Council for many years past.

With reference to the need of speeding up public works, the Unofficials have contended for many years past and been trying to persuade the Government that we must have a really big staff to grapple with the increasing work of the Colony. I have other comments to make in Committee upon items under Public Works Extraordinary.

Official Replies.

The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police: Sir, the question was raised by the hon. member representing the Chamber of Commerce of Police Department licences being issued to Europeans

on the 1st January. I may say, Sir, that the Police Department is at present responsible for 30 different kinds of licences, some of which, such as ricksha and drivers' licences, represent 12,000 to 15,000 or even more licences.

That is just one item, but I understand that the hon. member merely referred to what he called European licences. I would like to point out that at the present time dog and arms licences are already issued on the 1st January, as are also private vehicle licences, such as private rickshas and private chairs, which are the only ones that affect Europeans. As regards motors, which is the only other serious item to consider under this head, there are roughly 1,500 cars and lorries in the Colony now and 500 cycles. There are rather more than 2,000 drivers, of whom not more than ten per cent. are European. It would be extremely difficult to alter the dates which are at present arranged in order to enable the licensing staff in the Police Office to deal with the various different kinds of licences they have to deal with. Were it possible to issue European motor licences separately that would certainly quite easily be done, but to issue all motor licences on the 1st January would be certainly very much more difficult. The whole I suggest that the present system be allowed to remain, particularly in view of the fact that in the case of motor cars individual notices are sent to owners. Surely that, I think, should be sufficient.

Scales of Fares.

Whilst on the subject of vehicles I might refer to the question raised with regard to the scale of fares. The fares were considered by the Committee which was undertaking the revision of traffic regulations in 1921. The fares were then increased and a similar Committee met again this year to revise the traffic regulations once more, and after careful consideration they came to the conclusion that no really useful purpose would be served by increasing them at the time. I admit that at the time they had no Chinese member to assist them with information on the subject, and I should certainly be glad if any such information could be given with a view to showing whether it is really necessary to increase the fares. At the present time the coolies themselves have made no representations. They are not slow in doing so through their No. 1 if they have any representation to make to the Captain Superintendent of Police, and as regards the Chinese they usually bargain on the scale of fares and it does not affect them so much. They usually make a bargain before they take a ricksha.

As regards the protection of rickshas during bad weather, it came somewhat as a surprise to me to find the aprons were so bad. The rickshas with their aprons are examined not less than once a quarter at the Central Police Station. They are brought up fully equipped with their two coolies, who have to be in uniform. They are inspected by the Traffic Inspector, and all the aprons, as well as the tops in the case of chairs, have all to bear the number of the particular ricksha, so that it should be difficult to substitute old ones after they have left the Police compound. However, in view of the remarks of the hon. member, I propose to look into that matter forthwith.

Hawkers.

With regard to the question raised concerning hawkers' licences, by the hon. member representing the Chinese community, this question of restricting the number of hawkers' licences came up for discussion some four years ago. At that time the hawkers' licences had been reduced to somewhere in the neighbourhood of 6,000. At the request of the then senior member, the late Mr. Lun Chiu-pak, I went into the matter very carefully and it was decided to do two things, one, to divide the hawkers into two classes, the stall-holder hawker, who is the stationary hawker, and the itinerant hawker, and also increase the number as far as possible, also reserving certain hawkers' stalls for deserving cases. That, I think, the Secretary of Chinese Affairs will agree, I have carried out as far as possible whenever a deserving case is brought to my notice. We also endeavour to provide stallholders' licences, as these stalls are really remunerative. They pay \$2 a month and they seem to do very well. As regards the total number of hawkers, I think anyone going with the Chinese portion of the day will notice we do not see on the streets a few in the Western districts of Hongkong and in Yau-ma-tei the streets are as full as they can be with hawkers. We cannot have any more there. We never refuse itinerant licences to hawkers in outlying districts, but in the Central district, we must be very careful of the number of hawkers and itinerant hawkers, every man who wants a new

licence wants one naturally for the Central district, the Eastern or Western districts or Yau-ma-tei, where he would do a much bigger business.

Some Figures.

A few figures may be of interest. In 1919-20 there were 7,397 hawkers' licences, in 1920-21 there were 7,361, in 1921-22 there were 7,885, in 1922-23 there were 8,497, and for the year which closed on the 1st September last we issued 8,480, so that we are practically issuing a little over a thousand more now than we were in 1919-20. A large number of persons wishing to apply for hawkers' licences are not so much boys as persons who have fled from the interior of China and who do not know what to do when they get here. They apply for hawkers' licences; we cannot possibly accommodate them, for the streets would be impassable if we endeavoured to do so. As regards the outlying districts, no fixed number is laid down, but we must restrict the number of licences granted in the populous districts.

Public Works.

The Director of Public Works: Sir, the hon. member representing the Chamber of Commerce referred to the speeding up of work as regards the passing of plans by the P. W. D. We have experienced great difficulty in obtaining architects, but the Buildings Ordinance Office staff is now up to strength. The number of plans at present in this office which have not yet been dealt with is approximately 180, with about 100 awaiting amendments by architects. I may add that if architects submitted plans which complied with the Ordinance, there would not be the delay in passing plans which at present exists.

Mechanical filtration has been referred to. That, as you know, Sir, is being introduced and every effort will be made to speed up the order of these filters. Tenders are now out, some are on their way from England to the Colony. It is hoped that when a few—where the cases suit—of the best mechanical filters are introduced, the relief given to the ordinary slow sand filters will overcome our great difficulties, which at present exist in rushing beds where inadequate.

The hon. member representing the Justices of the Peace referred to the delay in regard to the Fire Station. This delay is very much regretted, but it is unavoidable. An explanation has been submitted up to the end of September, and the last report I have just received says that progress during October was still very poor. There was some improvement during the last few days, but there were still financial troubles, which meant that the contractor would not pay his workmen. If progress does not improve during the next week or two, it may be necessary to take the work out of the contractor's hand. We have to move very warily or we are afraid of bringing the whole thing to a standstill. The unsown are a most independent body of men.

Public Health.

Reference was also made by the hon. member and the senior Chinese member to Pokfulum. It is regretted that the Pokfulum reservoir became silted up owing to the work being done on Stubbs Road, but every effort is made to intercept drainage and there is now a marked improvement. The eastern filter beds will come to the assistance of that part of the town. These filter beds are to be brought into operation next month—a certain portion of them.

With regard to malaria, the mosquitoes on the south and west side of Mount Kellett and the nullahs of the Peak tramway have had our attention. The difficulties met with are that contractors will not work on such minor work. I have been assisted by a prominent member of this Council in that respect, and a contract has been let for the draining of the nullahs. Dr. Woodman's report has been studied by the Department, and the areas which are most affected and reported on as being affected by the anopheles mosquitoes are receiving attention by various departments—drainage and public works.

With regard to the remark of the hon. senior Chinese member as to the colour of the water, I am afraid chlorination does not alter it and it must be laid to the charge of rapid filtration, which, we hope, will be improved.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: I should call it want of filtration.

Lighting.

The Director of Public Works: The Hon. Mr. Bird, asked for information with regard to the scheme of lighting. Such a scheme does not exist and we are gradually introducing it. At the present time, the number of electric lights in Hongkong is 423 and the number of gas lamps 1,567. Installation of high power lights is being proceeded with both in Hongkong and Kowloon every year, and in the main roads especially in the City. The Hongkong Gas Company has suspended lights on order. It is hoped that these will be introduced shortly. The lighting of the various roads and streets is usually given to the company, electrical or gas, having existing mains or cables in the roads in

which the lights are to be placed, but not in all cases.

Hon. Mr. Bird made some remarks about compensation and modifications.

The modifications most frequently granted relate to Section 180 of the Public Health and Building Ordinance, but scavenging lanes are allowed to count as open space on condition that no compensation is paid therefor. If these modifications were not granted the amount of compensation payable by the Government would be very large. It seems absurd to consider any suggestion that modification should be granted and compensation paid in addition. Several modifications of Section 188 of the Public Health and Building Ordinance have recently been granted, allowing the erection of buildings more than 70 feet in height and containing more than four storeys. The usual conditions upon which such modifications are issued include the following:

(1).—Frontage line to be set back if necessary to widen the street.

(2).—Frontage line to be set back to widen the footpath if a verandah over Crown land is permitted.

(3).—Scavenging lane at the rear to be provided.

(4).—A small open space to be provided at the ground level for the purpose of drainage, etc.

(5).—All storeys intended to be used for domestic habitation to be provided with open space in accordance with Section 170 of the Public Health and Building Ordinance.

(6).—Buildings to be of reinforced concrete construction throughout.

(7).—Fire escapes to be provided to the satisfaction of the Building Authority and the Captain Superintendent of Police.

(8).—Fire-fighting appliances to be provided to the satisfaction of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

These conditions appear to me to be reasonable and it would be a retrograde step to modify them in any way.

The Treasury.

Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer: Sir, the hon. member made some remarks with regard to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. I think he is under a misapprehension as to how it is worked. For many years there was a separate investment fund kept for these contributions in payment of pensions. For various reasons that system was altered and now contributions from the members are paid into a Government account, while the Government takes over all liabilities of paying pensions. The hon. member also expressed the opinion that many officers thought the pension inadequate. Of course, naturally the amount of pension depends on the amount of contribution, and I have not yet heard that officers wish to contribute on a higher scale. The calculation of pensions and contributions was worked out by an actuary. The tables from which these pensions are taken out were made by an eminent actuary at Home on the very best figures then available. Since that time discussions have been given on account of remarriage and on account of children, and in the last 25 years some 25 per cent. has been added to all pensions. If the hon. member would like to bring a special case before me I shall be glad to show how that case stands.

Colonial Secretary: I would like to refer to various remarks of hon. members in connection with the Estimates that have not already been dealt with. In the speech of the hon. member who represented the Chamber of Commerce, he expressed the hope that the remainder of the typhoon buoys would be completed in ample time for their possible need next year. I think a reference was made to that quite recently in connection with a vote for a certain number of buoys. It was said that it was hoped to complete them not later than July next year.

The position with regard to public telephones was also referred to not very long ago, and it was to the effect that there were proposals locally for forming a company to take over the property of the existing company and to make all necessary improvements, and the whole question has been held over until the return of certain gentlemen to the Colony. I think it should be possible to proceed very shortly now with the consideration as to whether the Colony will take over the existing company.

With regard to fares for chairs and rickshas, and vehicles, I must say I am in agreement with the senior Chinese member and I should like to see the minimum fare increased to 10 cents. The subject has been considered and the general view was that, although the minimum fare of five cents is allowed, it is practically a universal custom for persons going on journeys to pay 10 cents. Personally I should have great hesitation in thinking there are a great many people who do not pay ten cents, but it is the custom of Chinese to make a bargain and pay less than the legal fare. At any rate, I am in entire agreement with the Chinese senior member that some increase should be made and that the minimum fare should be 10 cents.

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LANDLORD V. TENANT.

TEST CASE BEFORE CHIEF JUSTICE.

The main point of difference in landlords v. tenants cases before Sir Henry Gwynne Gollan, sitting in Summary Jurisdiction this morning, concerned the validity of the notices to quit. It was held by the landlords that they were pulling down and entirely rebuilding and by the tenants that certain walls or parts of them were to be left standing.

The properties concerned were three houses (138, 140 and 142, Hollywood Road). The landlord plaintiffs were Yeung Pak-lan and U. Kwong-ming and of the 12 tenants, the test case taken was that of No. 140 in which the tenant was Leung Shing.

Mr. R. A. Wadson appeared for the landlords who applied for possession and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for the tenants.

Expert Evidence Called.
Mr. Wadson called Mr. D. B. Raven, the architect who prepared the plans. He said that the walls were to be entirely pulled down from back to front. Mr. Wadson claimed that the wall at the back was primarily built to hold up Square Street on which the houses concerned backed. This street was above the level of the back kitchen and the case, claimed Mr. Wadson, was similar to one in which Mr. Justice Dyer had given judgment for plaintiffs a few weeks before. His Honour held that it would be to interfere with such a wall as to disturb Crown property the plaintiff had no right to pull it down. The notice had thus been held to be valid.

Mr. Russ called Mr. A. F. Wright, Building Authority, who drew attention to discrepancies between the plans submitted by the plaintiffs to him and their intentions as expressed through Mr. Raven. It was doubtful if the new plans would obtain approval. His Worship reserved judgment.

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST SHIPPING CHANGES.

Captain A. Tucker, from leave, has gone master, "Kiangsu."

Captain R. Mitchell, of the "Kiangsu," has gone master, "Taikoo Wan I."

Captain D. Williams, of the "Taikoo Wan I," is on leave.

Captain N. Hardie, of the "Human," is on leave.

Mr. J. Beck, from reserve, has gone acting master, "Hunan."

Mr. G. P. Cope has been appointed supply second officer, "Sheng-king."

Mr. D. C. Jones, second officer, "Tungchow," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Whyte, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Tungchow."

Mr. A. Anderson, second engineer, "Yingchow," is on reserve.

Mr. G. Davies, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Yatshing."

Mr. B. E. Bidwell, chief officer, "Yatshing," has gone chief officer, "Waishing."

Mr. S. E. Firth, chief officer, "Waishing," has gone chief officer, "Mingyang."

Mr. K. H. Stuart, from leave, has gone second officer, "Lien-shing."

Mr. H. R. Dobson, second officer, "Lien-shing," is on reserve.

Mr. A. B. Osmond, chief officer, "Leesang," has gone chief officer, "Chaksang."

Mr. J. S. Masson, chief officer, "Chaksang," has gone chief officer, "Leesang."

Mr. F. Barcus has been appointed third engineer, "Tingsang."

Mr. J. W. Whyte, second engineer, "Tingsang," has resigned.

Mr. J. W. Laverick, from leave, has gone second engineer, "Foon-shing."

Mr. E. McNab, second engineer, "Foon-shing," is on reserve.

Mr. C. Ross, from leave, has gone acting chief engineer, "Tingsang."

Mr. M. Hall, chief engineer, "Tingsang," is on leave.

Mr. R. Thomson, from leave, has gone acting chief engineer, "Wosang."

Mr. J. Stalker, chief engineer, "Wosang," is on leave.

Mr. P. C. Hutchence, from reserve, has gone third officer, "Haining."

Mr. W. H. Watson, third officer, "Haining," has gone third officer, "Haining."

Mr. J. H. Telfer, second officer, "Haining," has gone second officer, "Haining."

Mr. E. P. Smith, from reserve, has gone master, "Kwong Fook Cheung."

Captain C. H. Turner, from leave, has gone master, "Sutai."

Mr. E. Pringle, acting master, "Sutai," has gone chief officer, "Lungshan."

Mr. E. W. Matthews, acting chief officer, "Lungshan," has gone second officer name ship.

Mr. B. W. S. Pritchard, acting second officer, "Lungshan," has gone third officer, same ship.

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INTERPORT CRICKET.

SIX PLACES DEFINITELY ALLOTTED.

HONGKONG'S TEAM.

Yesterday afternoon the "China Mail" was informed by the selection committee for the interport cricket matches that the following had been definitely selected to represent Hong Kong:—

R. Hancock,
T. E. Pearce,
The Rev. E. K. Quick,
A. C. I. Bowker,
Pay. Lt. Com. Hargreaves and
C. Q. M. S. Stripp.

As the plural was used it is taken to indicate that all six will play for Hong Kong against both Shanghai and Malaya.

Hancock and Pearce were regarded as "dead certs." When practice commenced in earnest Bowker was looked upon as another. With L. J. Davies out of the way and J. Finnie not proving up to expectations Stripp, especially after the first trial, came to be looked upon as the most likely wicket-keeper. Hargreaves also earned fame in that match and Quick proved himself last Wednesday and Saturday.

Hancock, in addition to being a first-class batsman is a very capable and sporting skipper. Tam Pearce can look back to more than one interport century and Quick also has interport experience. He is a sound batsman and also a slow bowler. Hargreaves combines the ability of batting with his right and bowling (over the wicket in recent games) with his left. Bowker is our best bowler—fast to medium—about the best in the field and a stout-hearted bat.

Malaya Man Here.

On the "Pegasus" yesterday, there arrived here one of the Malaya team in Flight Lieutenant G. E. Livock, D.F.C. R.A.F. He is one of the Air Force officers on the seaplane carrier.

Livock comes with a very big reputation as a wicket-keeper. Playing for Lord Cowdray's XI v. Rest of England at Hastings on September 22, 24, 25, 1923, his scores were 12 not out, and bowled Hon. L. H. Tenyson 6. In his opponents' first innings he caught Mr. C. E. V. Crutchley and in the second, caught Tyldesley (E.) and stumped Parkin. —W. P. C.

To-morrow's Trial.

Another interport trial will be held on the H.K.C.C. ground to-morrow, commencing at 1.45 p.m. The teams will be:—

R. Hancock (Capt.)
T. E. Pearce,
Q. M. S. Stripp,
Pay. Lt. Com. Hargreaves,
F. N. Young,
B. D. Evans,
T. D. E. Pendered,
R. E. A. Webster,
G. R. More,
H. N. Balhatchet,
Rev. E. K. Quick.

A. E. Wood (Capt.)
Q. M. S. Jacob,
F. P. Stewart,
F. H. Holdman,
E. W. Hamilton,
Capt. Kent,
E. J. R. Mitchell,
U. Omar,
Rev. T. B. Powell,
R. B. Reed,
A. C. I. Bowker,
A. W. Ramsay,
R. E. O. Bird,
T. E. Yeoh.
Tiffin will be served in the pavilion at 1 p.m.

K.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

In this match at Kowloon on Saturday, commencing at 2 p.m., Hongkong C. C. will be represented by:—L. D. McNeill (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. Blaker, J. D. H. Crawford, W. Galloway, H. E. Hollands, J. D. Humphreys, W. Mackenzie, E. D. Matthews, G. H. Piercy, D. E. G. Nicholson.

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MACAO FIGHT.

HOW PIRATES CROSSED RIVER.

With reference to our Macao correspondent's report on the armed robbery and shooting in Macao inner harbour last Friday night, Captain Jones of the s.s. "Chuen Chow" points out that it would have been a nautical impossibility for the two pirate sampans to have taken refuge behind the steamer's stern as his vessel was going up on the flood tide, with engines at the slow, but at a speed of six or seven knots.

What our correspondent intended to convey was that, from the shore, the view of the sampans was obscured as the sampans had gone to the other side of the "Chuen Chow" and were hidden in the crowd of junks on the Chinese side of the harbour. Captain Jones is of the opinion that the sampans crossed the river after his steamer had passed the scene.

He also states that on hearing the shots he noticed one of the patrol boats close to the scene and signalling, by whistle, to the other. Captain Jones denies that his saloon passengers were in any panic but could not state if any of the Chinese travelling on the "Chuen Chow" and lower deck took flight.

TOO MANY TENANTS.

JUDGMENT GIVEN FOR CHIEF ONE.

A woman tenant who left her rooms in No. 30, Cochrane Street—and whose claim to be principal tenant was disputed upon her return, was awarded judgment by Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, in the Summary Court this morning.

The case was heard a week or so ago and created interest by the disclosures of the profits made by sub-letting and sub-sub-letting of the floor concerned. The ground His Lordship gave for his judgment was that the woman tenant had always been the principal tenant and that when she left she merely appointed the plaintiff to be her agent for collecting rents. The plaintiff in the case (Ko Hing-cheong) claimed \$500 damages from the woman tenant (Man So) on the grounds that wrongful distress had been levied. Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for the plaintiff and Mr. R. E. A. Webster for the defendant.

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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	3rd Apr.	Shanghal, Moji and Kobo.
"KHIVA"	9,135	7th Apr.	Shanghal, Moji and Kobo.
"MORHA"	10,911	1st May	Shanghal, Moji and Kobo.
"SALYA"	9,918	15th May	Shanghal, Moji and Kobo.

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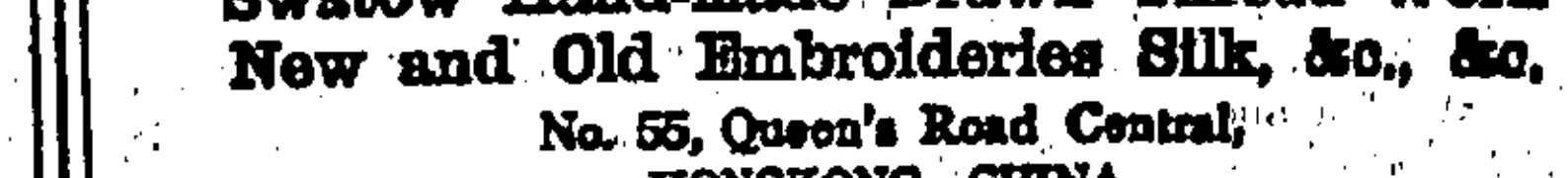
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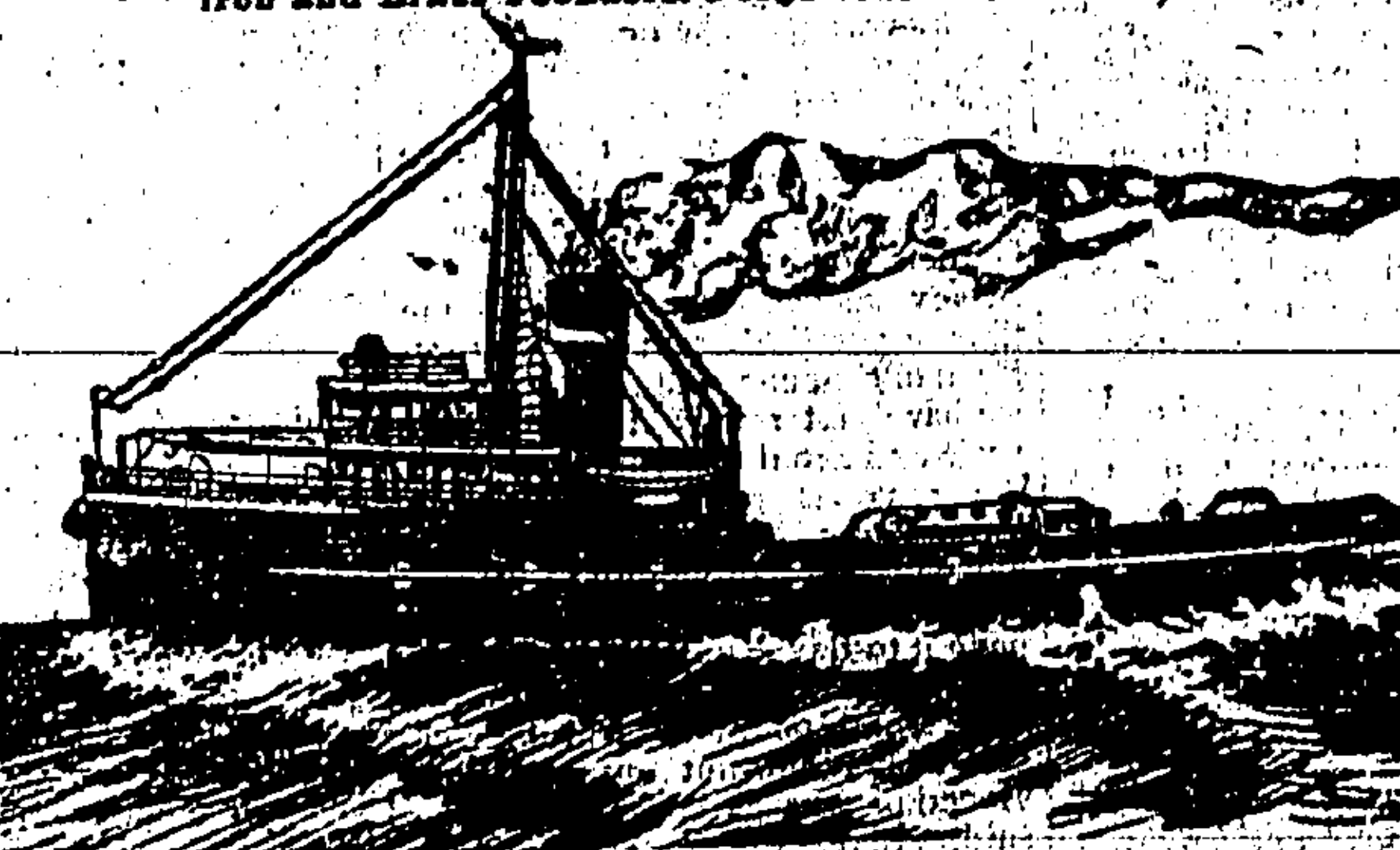


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THE BUDGET.

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Magistrates.

With regard to the number of Magistrates, the question of appointing a second Magistrate for the Magistracy in Victoria has been considered. It was thought that when the opening of the Kowloon Magistracy was started, work in Hongkong would be nothing like so arduous, and that one Magistrate would be able to deal with it. So far that has not proved to be the case, and constant help has had to be given. I see no reason why it should continue necessary to give the help, but the question of appointing a second Magistrate in Victoria will be considered.

The hon. member representing the Chamber of commerce, in his speech, said: "The time is not far distant when the Government will have to consider the closing of the major part of the Kennedy Town Hospital." I take it he was referring to the Government Civil Hospital.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Oh, yes.

Civil Hospital.

The Colonial Secretary: And of moving it or the greater part of it to a more favourable site. I am afraid I cannot agree with him there. I think one result of the opening of the Kowloon Hospital, which we hope will take place next August, and the subsequent opening of the War Memorial Nursing Home and the opening of the Maternity Hospital in connection with the Hospital at the Peak, will have the effect of reducing the number of patients in the Government Civil Hospital. I fully recognise that the position of the Government Civil Hospital is not a suitable one, but the grounds and the position of the quarters for the nursing sisters are excellent. The grounds of the Government Civil Hospital, I think, are one of the very best cases in old Victoria. The Hospital is extremely conveniently placed for the population on this side, although if we had to begin again we might not have put it in exactly the same place. Still, I think it has served its purpose as a general hospital extremely well. The question of the pensions which the nursing sisters become entitled to is under consideration. We have received information from various places and the matter will be gone into very shortly.

The Lunatic Asylum.

It is not right to say that the site proposed for the Lunatic Asylum near Lai-chikok has been finally

abandoned. It is quite true that tenders have been received for preparing the site. They were very large, but whether it is possible to adopt a different scheme of preparation I do not know. We certainly could not have embarked on an expenditure of over two lakhs of dollars merely for preparing a site, and that was what the amount of the lowest tender was. I hope it will be possible to find a more satisfactory site, and in that case I think no doubt we shall have to abandon the suggested site.

As regards the Forestry and Botanical Department, I quite agree with the hon. member that a great deal more could be done in the way of planting flowering shrubs and plants. A great deal has been done in various parts of the Island, chiefly at the instigation of the late Sir Henry May, and the only trouble might be the removal of plants by theft or carelessness of people who do not realise the trouble taken to plant them. As I said the other day, and as your Excellency remarked in your speech, an area is being planted with fir trees near Tai-po to provide for firewood in emergency, and no doubt other areas will be found where it is possible to extend plantations for that purpose.

The Peak Tramway. As regards rapid transit to the Peak, various schemes have been put forward at one time or another for an alternative line to Victoria Peak—a line straight up from Wanchai to Vanchai Gap and a tramway in the neighbourhood of Garden Road to Wanchai Gap. A survey has been going on for some time for a line from near Garden Road to Wanchai Gap, and although we have not received a full report yet we are told the engineers find the route is practicable, with a fairly easy gradient of one in eleven. We are hoping to get the report very soon—I had hoped to have it to-day—and the subject of what extra communication to the Peak shall be made will be considered. I am not entirely convinced of what is constantly being said, that the present tram accommodation is inadequate. People have occasionally to wait for trams at certain times of the day, as they have in other places. I think the present tram service, except on quite rare occasions, is adequate, but perhaps I am not in accord with the opinion of others on that. I travel by it a great deal, so I think I have a right to express an opinion.

The Military Lands. One other point raised by the hon. member representing the Chamber of Commerce was the question of the present position of

Military Lands—of re-provisioning. The Gun Club Hill-lands, I believe I can say, are completely out of final plans have not been received, and also it is the desire of the War Office to have a special staff for carrying out the whole of the re-provisioning and also to have, instead of going away in the middle of the work, will be here during the whole period of re-provisioning so that there may be continuity at the head of affairs. The whole staff, as far as possible, will remain here throughout that time.

Sir Henry Pollock: May I ask with reference to Military Lands if anything further has been heard with regard to placing the matter before an arbitrator on the question of compensation?

H. E. the Governor: I have a despatch from the Secretary of State containing certain correspondence in reply to a communication I addressed to them. So far as my memory serves, the point the hon. member raised has been overlooked or ignored by the War Office. At any rate, it has not agreed to accept my view, but otherwise showed a reasonable spirit. I am afraid the particular point referred to was ignored.

Sir Henry Pollock: I think, Sir, the point should be pressed.

H. E. the Governor: The point will be raised again. The Colonial Secretary: The site at Lai-chikok is now being examined. If the amount of rock should be such that it will be impossible to make sites for the various military buildings, the question of whether Lai-chikok site will be suitable will have to be considered. This work has not been pressed far enough yet to come to any decision.

Subordinate Asiatic Officers.

The senior Unofficial Chinese member spoke on the subject of allowances for subordinate Asiatic officers, and was kind enough to tell us that Mr. Chiu Si-ki, the Hon. Mr. Kotewall and himself had drafted a formula. That formula will, no doubt, reach us in time. I have been waiting for it for some time. The fact I had given up all hope that it was coming, but now that it is coming the Government will consider the extension of the privilege to officers of less than ten years service on the modified scale suggested. I might, however, inform my hon. friend that the view the Government is inclined to take with regard to officers is that these minor Asiatic officers in the service know perfectly well the terms of their employment when they join, and it is certainly up to them to model their expenditure on economical lines during their first years of service. It is, I know, a habit amongst Chinese to marry very early, but in doing so I think they should be able to make some family arrangement to cover a certain period of their service.

An Ambulance Launch.

With regard to the remarks by my hon. friend Mr. Bird, I would say with regard to the new launch for the Medical Department that the question as to whether it could be made so as to be used as an ambulance launch will be considered. I have asked the P.C.M.O. and I think it might be, but he is going to consider that point. It is recognised that it is very necessary to have some means of conveying cases from ships to hospital, and I hope it will be possible to build a launch, probably a little larger than intended, so as to be able to use it as an ambulance when required.

The naming of streets to which the hon. member referred is certainly had. I have often noticed it myself. There is a very good practice in use in Canada of having names on the pavement. I do not know whether that would do here. Perhaps the Director of Public Works may be able to devise some means of putting up names of the streets so that they shall be seen clearly.

The road to Cape D'Aguilar is a very difficult one to make, and I believe an expensive one, and as it is only to be used practically for official purposes it is not thought advisable to widen it. On the general question of width of roads, I think it is now recognised that when the width of 20 feet was adopted we did not realise the sizes of motor vehicles, and the roads are now being made 25 feet, which makes a very great deal of difference.

The scheme for port development is, I believe, practically ready now, and I had hoped we could have had it to-day. It will be referred to the Chamber of Commerce and other bodies for consideration when it is ready. The hon. member appears to think that a large sum of money has been wasted in the preparation of the former scheme. The work done for the consulting engineers is not lost. The work that they called upon us to do is necessary for any scheme that is adopted. The only money that we may say has not been expended in useful purposes will be what is paid for plans which will not be adopted.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: And the consulting fees.
H. E. the Governor: Gentlemen, let me in the first instance thank you for the very kind way in which you have received the Budget,

which, I confess, I put forward with somewhat more mitigating as to your views than was possibly apparent in the speech with which I introduced it at the last meeting. And let me thank you for your very kind references to myself, and further for the very helpful remarks which you have made to us this afternoon which I need not say, will receive very careful consideration.

I think most of the points which have been raised have been dealt with, but there are one or two on which I find it necessary to make a few remarks. The hon. member representing the Chamber of Commerce observed that "We recommend that the increase in our military contribution due to our increasing revenue, instead of being paid over to the War Office, should be credited here to the reconditioning of the military forces on the Kowloon side."

I am afraid that betrays rather a misapprehension of the position, and may I say, the character of the War Office. The Military Contribution is supposed to provide for the upkeep of the Garrison. The War Office contend and when pressed produce figures to show that it does not cover the cost of the Garrison. I suggest therefore to the hon. member that if we ask the War Office to devote to the reconditioning on the Kowloon side, the forces which are now housed in Hongkong on land and buildings belonging to the War Office, by means of using the contribution which at present provides either wholly or in part for their upkeep, they will force at once that they are asked to abandon all contributions from us with regard to the Garrison, and merely to pay money they would at any rate receive merely to re-establish themselves elsewhere, a position which they have never desired particularly to adopt. I am afraid I should not feel it possible to put before His Majesty's Government a proposal which would only be rejected and possibly somewhat impatiently.

The Treaty Ports.

I am afraid it would be undesirable to discuss in public the question of whether or not Hongkong is seriously under-garrisoned, because perhaps the less said about these matters, especially at the present time, the better. But I would observe that if the statement that Hongkong was seriously under-garrisoned is correct, and is accepted, it would appear to involve an addition to the Garrison, which again would, I fear, involve an addition to the Military Contribution. Whether the Municipal Councils and Concessions in China would be quite as reasonable as the hon. member suggests, I confess, a matter upon which I have some doubt. The whole question which really lies at the back of the Military Contribution is this: Are we paying for the Garrison because we want it, or are we paying for it or most of it because it is wanted for Imperial purposes? That is a matter which has formed the subject of controversy in my own knowledge for at least 30 years. I do not know that the parties to the discussion have ever come to an agreement. I confess that, taking the view of a man of peace, it has sometimes occurred to me that our very good friends the Military of this Colony have a somewhat imposing number of officers of high rank, and I think it might be possible to induce the War Office to state whether this desire, which has been apparent since the War, to make two colonels grow where one has grown before, is entirely to the interests of this Colony or to the interests of the forces in this country which, I would observe, include a part of the Garrison here, a battalion in Tientsin, and that very much respected body in Peking, the Legation Guard. That is a point which deserves consideration by the War Office.

Hospital Grant.

The next point in the hon. member's speech is the question of the grant to the Alice Memorial Hospital. I should like to make quite clear to the Council my own position. I have always felt that it is very undesirable that the Government should propose either a grant or increase of grant to any institution which has any denominational or religious aspect, unless it is very clear that all the representatives of the Unofficial community are unanimous in favour of it. I know something, I admit not so much as I should, of the work of this institution, and if it is the unanimous wish of the Unofficial members of the Council that the grant should be increased, I am perfectly willing to agree to any reasonable sum upon which they may decide among themselves.

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MURDER CHARGE.

QUARREL OVER TWO CENTS ALLEGED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Yeung Chup was charged with the murder of Chan Yau, a cripple, at Connaught Road West, on October 18. The defendant is alleged to have struck the deceased with a piece of wood after a quarrel over two cents which the latter was in the habit of receiving in return for looking after the bedding of other coolies sleeping in the streets. After hearing evidence, the man was committed to the Sessions for trial.

MR. S. T. BITTING.

CONDITION IS IMPROVING.

The "China Mail" understands that as a result of the unfortunate accident referred to in yesterday's issue, Mr. S. T. Bitting, of the International Bank, sustained a fractured skull. There are signs of improvement in his condition this morning although he is still feverish.

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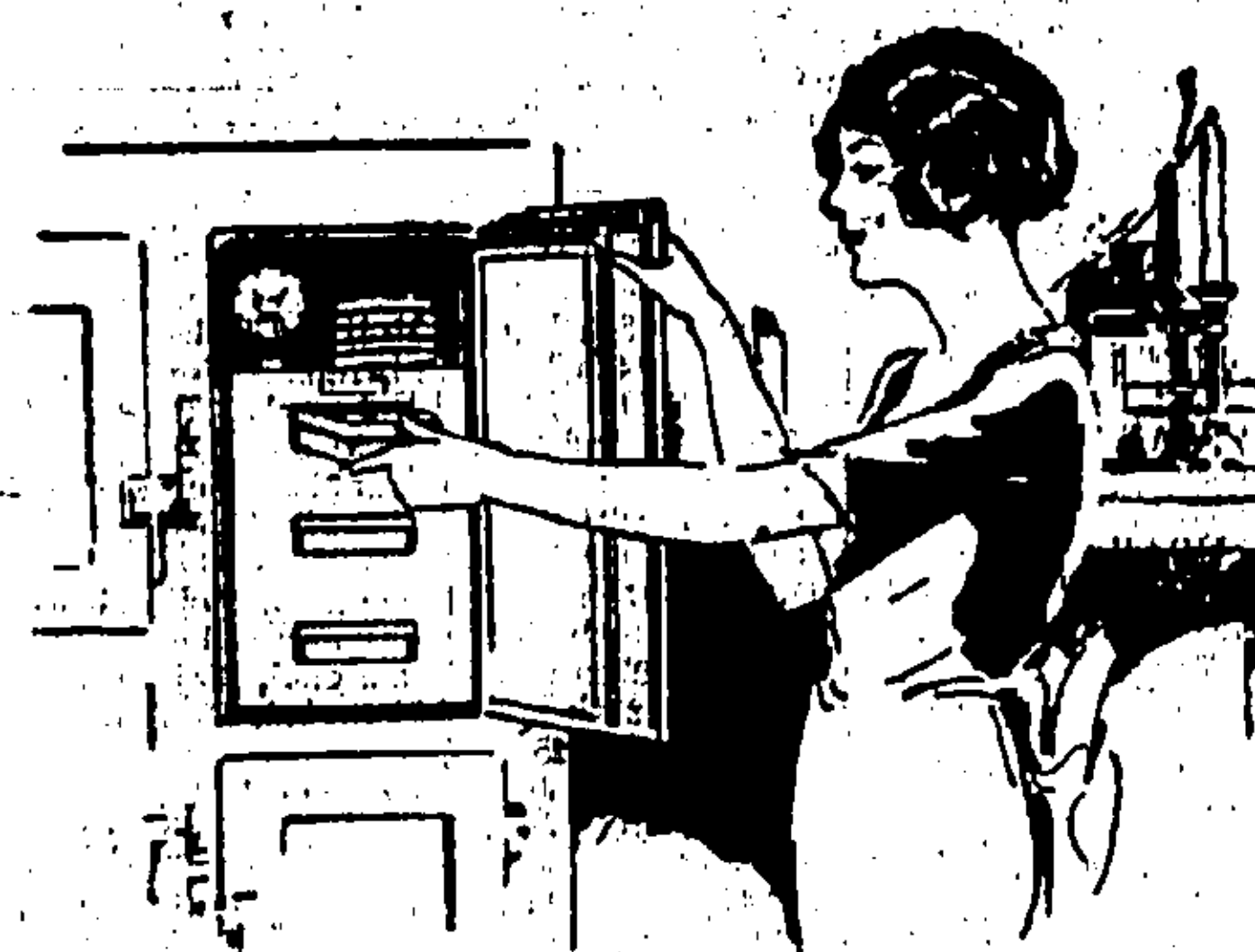
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THE BUDGET.

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In regard to the Botanical and Forestry Department, the hon. member raises the question of planting more shrubs and trees. I suppose I raise this question about once every six months myself. I have always wished, not only to plant certain spaces on the Peak with azaleas and other plants of attractive appearance, but also desired to plant fir trees on the outlying islands so that they may be put to some useful purpose. I have invariably found that all such propositions are at once met by the argument that it is easy to plant fir trees and expect Providence to induce them to grow, but another matter to hope that Providence will induce the Chinese population to refrain from cutting them down when they have reached a useful size. Unless we are to increase very largely our force of forestry inspectors and keep them constantly at work, I confess I look with some doubt upon the establishment of any really large firewood reserve in the New Territories. I can only hope that in course of time the Chinese population will abandon what appears to be an ancestral idea that the proper use of any growing thing is to turn it into firewood. (Laughter.) I think that that is all regarding the speech of the hon. member representing the Chamber of Commerce which I need dwell on at the moment.

Public Health.

The hon. member representing the Justices of the Peace dealt largely with the question of public health. The typhoid question has caused a very considerable amount of controversy and, to some extent, controversy on the wrong lines. I regret to say I have been unable to obtain figures for this year, but I am under the impression that the actual number of cases this year is not much in excess of last year. Unfortunately, it has been more concentrated and has drawn public attention in consequence. The fact is that in any country you always get a certain amount of enteric during the hot season, and I am afraid that whatever steps are taken we cannot hope to rid the Colony of this disease any more than any other country can hope to succeed in doing so. The Sanitary Board has recently provided the new type of latrine with which they hope to tempt the coolie to inhabit matsheds on the Peak, so that one source of contamination may be removed.

The Director of Public Works dealt with the question of malaria. We are doing as much as we can to drain nullahs and pools, but it is a matter of intense difficulty whenever any new country is being developed, to prevent the spread of malaria owing to the formation of pools. It is impossible to fill up your hollows as you go along without bringing the work to a continuous standstill. The result is that in a rainy season like this year you have to consider a number of pools about. The only satisfactory way of dealing with them is to oil them, and that is being done wherever possible.

The hon. member referred to a number of children admitted to Victoria Hospital. Well, malaria with an adult is a misfortune, in the case of a child it is a blunder on its parents' part. We are beginning to realise that we do not know so much about malaria and mosquitoes as we used to. The anopheles is nocturnal in its habits, it does not wander round biting in the hours of the day when children should be out, and if mothers take care the children come in at a reasonable hour for children, and that their mosquito net is properly looked after, I think the number of cases appearing in the Victoria would be somewhat smaller. The question of prevention of malaria cannot be dealt with solely by the Government. You must have popular support. People do not realise that mosquitoes will breed, and it is their business to see that there are no breeding places in their immediate neighbourhood. The people who complain most bitterly against the Government should take the trouble to see that mosquitoes are not breeding on their own particular premises.

Chinese Matters.

The hon. senior Chinese member referred to various matters, among them a grant to Hok Hoi library. I am glad to see this has met with the approval of the hon. member, as I should be very pleased to see this Colony become as it ought, the centre of Chinese culture, and I am hoping in the

course of time, before I leave the Colony, I may see the Chinese side adequately developed.

The hon. member referred to a Chinese officer of a medical institution. It is not proposed to make any change. The point is that the time of the medical officer who devotes his time to the Chinese institution is so fully taken up that he has no opportunity for other things. What I should have said is it is not necessary to make any addition to the staff of the Medical Department, in that a full time surgeon or officer may be available.

Not a Spendthrift.

The hon. member made a remark in regard to economy with which I am in entire agreement. I can assure the hon. member that so far as I am concerned his warnings were not required, as in the course of a quarter of a century in which I have served His Majesty I have been accused of a great number of things ranging from almost murder to want of sense, but I have never been accused, at any rate justly, of being a spendthrift with regard to official money. I have not infrequently made myself rather a trial to departments in enquiring whether certain sums should be expended in the manner suggested. I can assure the hon. member that in my opinion I do not think there is money there that can be cut out without disadvantage. I may say that while I entirely appreciate and share the hon. member's views, I find that the task of anybody studying and proposing economy is not made easier by remarks such as have been made this afternoon. There are three matters in the Budget which I thought might possibly not unreasonably be attacked on the ground of undue expenditure. One was the great increase in the staff of the Public Works Department. We have had two hon. members congratulating themselves and the Government on the fact that they are at last at one on this matter. Another, the large increase of police, which the hon. member assures us he recognises as essential for the Chinese community, and the last was the provision for large sums of expenditure on the railway, which, at present, runs as far as the border. I confess that if there was one item of the Budget on which I had some doubt, it was the desirability of expending money on the railway. I, however, thought it desirable to hope for the best, and I trust that we may see a through service running this year; and I am glad to notice the hon. member representing the Chamber of Commerce shares my view entirely. You will perceive, Gentlemen, when, in addition to this endorsement, which I myself thought excessive, hon. members urge us to make a considerable addition to our expenditure by the increases granted for housing allowances, the task of the habitual allowance becomes more difficult.

With regard to the hon. Mr. Bird, I should like to say that I entirely agree with him that the best method of indicating the name of a street in which one happens to be is to put the name on a lamp. I confess that the Colonial Secretary's alternative of marking it on the floor has never appealed to me as a suitable means of dealing with the bipeds whose eyes are usually glued to the ground.

The hon. member mentioned the Port Development Department. In any case, what we have paid for is, not the actual plans drawn up by Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, but his advice generally, and whether his plans are or are not adopted we have very valuable information and advice, for which I may say we are paying what appears to me quite an adequate fee.

Road Widening.

I am afraid I cannot agree with the hon. member's views about compensations and resumptions. It appears to me to be not at all unreasonable that when a man wishes to obtain something at the expense of the community he should also endeavour to return to the community the expense of what generally amounts to improvement to his own property. I confess that my opinion is that we spend far too much. We are constantly being charged sums which certainly never appear to be below the lowest market price, and certainly often above it when we take a strip of somebody's premises to widen the road. The widening of the road adds to the value of the property, and even if it did not they should be prepared to sacrifice something for the benefit of the community. As for getting anything out of the community for nothing, I certainly think they should not be allowed to do so.

The hon. member's remark that permission to erect verandahs over Crown land is a thing to which every British subject has an inalienable right, I am afraid I cannot agree with. I have no objection to erecting verandahs over Crown land, but if they do so the Crown certainly has a claim to receive something in return.

The last point in the hon. member's speech I am afraid I cannot agree with. The position of this Colony and the Straits Settlements with regard to a Municipal Council is entirely different. Singapore is a portion only of the Straits Settlements. It appears to me quite reasonable that municipal work of part of a Colony should be done by a municipal body for that purpose. Here, Hongkong and Kowloon form the Colony, and if we had a municipality we should either have no further use for the Public Works Department, in which case we are simply substituting a worse form of trouble for another or else we should retain it and duplicate work, and inevitably there would be a great amount of overlapping and a great amount of unnecessary expense. No time would be saved and a great deal of money would be wasted.

His Excellency's Term.

I should like, if I may, to end with a short personal statement with regard to a remark I made in my speech when introducing the Budget, which, I observed, might very probably, be the last Budget I should perhaps put before the Council. As the hon. member representing the Chamber of Commerce has stated to-day, the unofficial members of the Council paid me the compliment which I value very highly. In suggesting to the Secretary of State that my term of office should be extended. As you are aware, certain changes have taken place in the Government of Great Britain in the last few weeks, and the Secretary of State was unable to provide a possible successor in any way. I can only say that if His Majesty intimated his wish that I should remain here, it would give me great pleasure and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to continue to work with this Council, as I have worked, harmoniously, for the last five years. (Applause.)

Unofficial Replies.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I ask your Excellency's permission to reply to one or two points. I think the Director of Public Works, in referring to the rapid filtration of water, really meant the rapid passing of water without filtration, which has resulted in the complaints made. What we are urging is the adoption of a mechanical process which will filter water very rapidly and which experience has proved for over a year in this Colony. The last report given to me was that, from January to June 1924, there had been filtered an average of 930 gallons per day, including Sundays, and every filtered sample had been absolutely free.

Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede: 930 thousand gallons. Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Yes, 930 thousand gallons. They go on to say they have touched one million gallons per day on one or two occasions, and they have touched two millions over 24 hours from January to June. What we are urging is that the matter should not be left for long consideration, that telegraphic request be made that the plant should be sent out, and that it should be installed as soon as the first arrives, so that you have an experimental process at work over a few months before the further plant is installed at the other filter beds.

Commandeered.

My impression of the widows' and Orphans' Fund, Sir, as far as my recollection goes back, is that these funds were to a very large extent commandeered by the Government. It is perfectly true that Government servants were circulated, and that they agreed to the money being used by the Government in a way that was afterwards adopted, but I think it is quite clear, Sir, from all that I have heard since, that they did not understand.

H. E. the Governor: I am afraid they do not understand it now. Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I think their complaint is that if the funds remained in their own administration they would be receiving a higher rate of interest than that credited them to-day. That would have made a great difference to the pensions of widows and orphans. I suggest whether the time has come for a fresh valuation of the whole fund to be made in the interests of Civil Servants. It is nothing to do with me, but I am asking for justice on the part of those in the Government service.

I sincerely hope that the Colonial Secretary was not serious when he said the completion of the typhoon buoyage would not be absolutely finished until July next year. I submit that the work should be carried out as early as possible.

My suggestion for the removal of the G. C. H. was not only in the interests of the patients themselves—it would be an economic saving, because the price received for selling the present quarters will amply compensate you for instituting the hospital further out, where conditions can easily be bettered.

Tree Planting.

The Colonial Secretary admitted, and you, Sir, admitted, that much more could be done in the way of planting. What we are asking for is that not much more could be done but that much more can be done, and we hope that will be the case. The planting of flowering plants and shrubs will benefit the Colony very much from the ornamental point alone.

I differ, Sir, entirely from you on the subject of the Military Contribution. My view of the whole situation, I do not pretend to be the unofficial view though I have good reason to believe it is, this small island, Sir, is part of the British Empire. We do not pretend to pay for protection. We have a right to ask for it. The Colony contributes in no small part in different ways to the Home Government; its contribution is a great deal larger than its area indicates, and its value to the British Empire is infinitely greater than it is often given credit for. We have a right, not only to ask, but to demand protection. We are perfectly willing to contribute our quota for upkeep, but to ask us to support the whole defence, not only of this Colony, but of the greater area which lies beyond us in China, is a burden which the British Government has no right to force upon us, and which we are not going to accept. And for that reason I have again raised the question. I do feel that if the question was put as I have suggested to the British communities and their Municipal Councils throughout China, they would feel that it was reasonable that they should be asked to pay for the right to call upon the forces. This is the natural garrison point from which forces go, and I do feel, Sir, that the whole burden of protection of the island and what lies beyond it, involving the whole of British interests in China, should not lie entirely upon Hongkong.

Hospital Etc.

I am glad, Sir, to hear that you will view with favour, if you support it, the vote for the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals, which has been suggested. I do not think it could be quite fairly said that it is entirely a religious hospital. I know the work of the hospital intimately, while it is based generally on the broad principle of religion because of its name and of the manner in which it came into being, there is no hospital in this Colony administered on broader lines, and no hospital that admits Chinese more freely or perhaps attains better results. It is not that I advocate it in preference to any other hospital, but it is doing a work on behalf of the Colony which is worthy of all the Government can give it. For that reason I have advocated an increase in the vote.

His Excellency's Further Reply.

H. E. the Governor: I should like to deal with the point of Widows' and Orphans' Pensions which the hon. member has raised. It is a system which is embodied in an Ordinance, which says that in return for a certain payment, four per cent of an officer's salary a pension of a certain amount, varying according to age, will be available. The original fund was wound up many years ago and handed over to the Government, in return, the Government assuming liability of pensions specified in the new tables. The tables were drawn up by the leading actuary in England and represented what was at that time the best available information with regard to mortality, and I do not think anybody could question the accuracy of his calculations as showing an adequate pension for the contributions received. I am unfortunately exempt from membership of the Hongkong system, but I am very glad to say I am entitled to the benefits of a similar system on the same table. In Ceylon, you will excuse me quoting my own case, but it is the one I know best. I joined the system at the age of thirty-six, my wife being about twenty-three. I paid a trifle over £5 a month, and in return for that my wife is entitled to a pension of £200 a year for all her life or until her re-marriage, and in the event

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Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who has been named for Governor of New York by G. O. P. He was nominated on the first ballot at Rochester.



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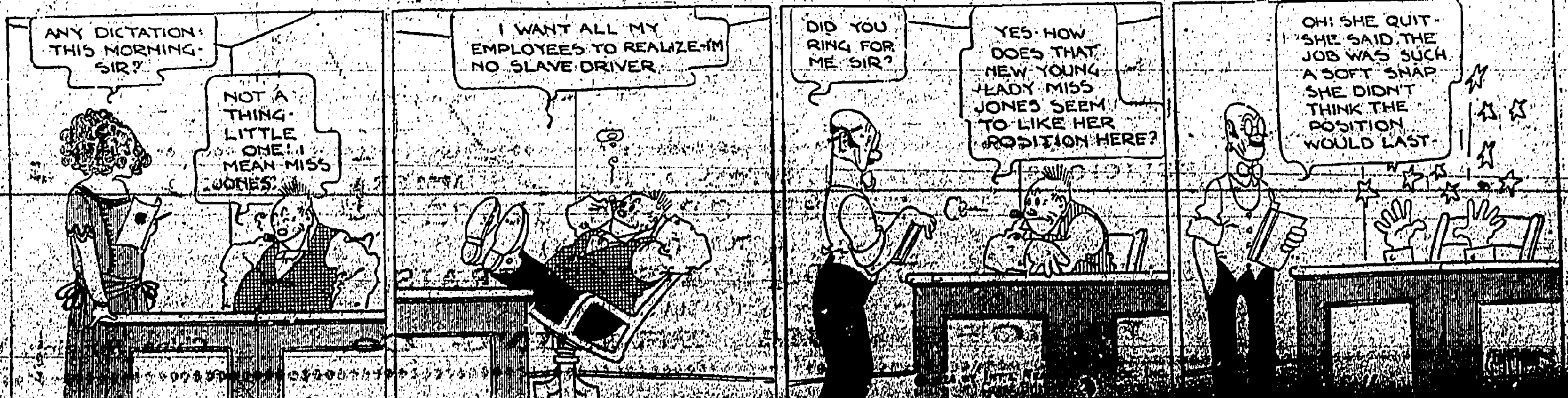
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THE MALOO PLATE.—Half a mile.

Mr. H. Morris's Rayfield (Mr. Heard) 1
Mr. Day's Shenkoland (Mr. Dallas) 2
Messrs. Winsome and Hasty's The Bittern (Mr. S. McBain) 3
Time: 57 3/5secs.

THE CRITERION STAKES.—One mile.

Messrs. Boudin and Spedman's Zouave (Mr. Springfield) 1
Mr. J. M. D.'s Symphony (Mr. Brand) 2
Mr. H. Morris's Brackenfield (Mr. Heard) 3
Time: 2mins. 01 3/5secs.

THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Alexander's Booran (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1
Messrs. Fay and Seth's Christmas Rattle (Mr. Heard) 2
Mr. Robson's The Young Bird (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 1mins. 30 2/5secs.

THE FAH WAH STAKES.—1 1/2 miles.

Mr. M. O. Springfield's Borderland (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1
Messrs. We Two's Young Bill (Mr. Springfield) 2
Mr. Robson's Harbin (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 3mins. 15secs.

THE SHANGHAI ST. LEGER.—1 1/4 miles.

Mr. Day's Bonnie Scotland (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1
Mr. Day's Theatreland (Mr. Maitland) 2
Mr. Alexander's Altai (Mr. Vida) 3
Time: 3mins. 52 3/5secs.

THE ECLIPSE STAKES.—1 1/4 miles.

Mr. Day's Portland (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1
Mr. Robson's The Red Bird (Mr. Brand) 2
Mr. Liddell's Brain Wave (Mr. Springfield) 3
Time: 2mins. 45 4/5secs.

THE AUTUMN CUP.—1 1/4 miles.

Mr. Day's New Zealand (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1
Mr. H. White's Don Alphonso (Mr. Heard) 2
Mr. A. N. White's White Knight (Mr. Springfield) 3
Time: 2mins. 35 1/5secs.

THE WHANGPOO STAKES.—1 1/2 miles.

Mr. Day's Diamondland (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1
Messrs. Winsome and Hasty's The Nightingale (Mr. McBain) 2
Mr. Kenjoy's Jack Flint (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 3mins. 19 3/5secs.

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RUGBY.

M. I. v. "REST" OF H.K.V.D.C.

[By Touchline].

On Saturday, at Happy Valley, the Mounted Infantry section of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps played a team chosen from the rest of the Corps at Rugby. The result was a well-deserved, if somewhat unexpected, victory for the "Rest."

From the kick-off it looked as if the "Rest" with only six forwards were going to have the worst of the game but they rose to the occasion in splendid style not only holding but actually beating the opposing scrum. Good work by the "Rest" backs finished up in touch near their opponents' line. From some loose play following the throw-in, Adams (Rest) secured and went over for a try. The goal kick failed. This (3 points) was the only score at half time. In the second half, Skinner (Rest), after a good run, punted over the full back, secured the ball and scored between the posts. Ralston had no difficulty in converting (8 points to nil).

The general run of the game was surprisingly good. There was more open play than usual in a scratch match. It would perhaps be unfair to single out any one of the "Rest" forwards for mention. They were all good and won the game for their side. Forsyth at half was such a decided success that it is to be expected that he will remain in that position.

Of the M.I., Worrall and Moncrieff put in some really good work at forward, whilst Morrison, was as usual in a class by himself. Gawler, the new full back, is quite an acquisition to Hongkong rugby; a good kick and in spite of his amazing style, a safe field. Perhaps an account of the match would not without some reference to the whole-hearted if somewhat horse support which was given to the M.I. by their C.O. The Club have gained some useful knowledge from the scratch games and it looks as though the Navy will have to fight hard if they are to retain the Cup. If Smith will play regularly the Club backs, with the exception of the scrum half, are easy to name. The older forwards—Ralston, Adam and Jordain, good though they are, must take their rugger more seriously and get fit.

There are at least seven other good forwards trending on their heels and waiting to take their places. Forsyth, let us hope, will remain at stand-off half. This is the day of open play and consequently the stand-off half is the most important man in the team. The game was ably controlled by Mr. H. G. Hegarty.

The teams were: M.I. XV.—Mills, Smith, Morrison, Clelland and Jenkins, Clerk and Milne, Beveridge, Jones, Mackintosh, Miller, Moncrieff, Oliphant, Russell and Worrall.

The "Rest"—Browne, Skinner, Foster, Easterbrook and Hyde, Shovelton and Owen, Forsyth, Ralston, Davies, Adams, Jordain, Groves, Lee and Paul.

HOCKEY.

CLUB "A" v. NAVY "A."

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

November 4.—Coronet Theatre: "The Face in the Fog." Theatre: "Ashes of Vengeance." November 4.—World Theatre: "Behind the Curtain." November 4.—Queen's Theatre: "The Passionate Pilgrim." November 4.—Theatre Royal Italian Grand Opera Company presents "Tosca."

November 4.—Reception at the Club Lusitano in honour of the Prince of the Orient, 6 p.m.

November 8.—Sixth extra race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, commencing 2.45 p.m. November 15.—First tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association at Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

November 5.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, miscellaneous goods, noon. November 7.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, Duddell Street, valuable leasehold property, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

November 5.—Lecture on "The Life of a Disciple" at the Hongkong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, 5.45 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A licensed hawk of Macgregor street, fell off his bench yesterday and fractured his skull. The man was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, but later succumbed to his injuries.

Mr. A. E. Clare, stoker on H.M.S. "Titanic," has reported to the police that a leather wallet was snatched from the pocket of his jacket as he was walking along Battery Path near the Cathedral. The wallet contained a sum of \$50 and some private papers.

Motor cycle accidents resulted in two men being admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday; their injuries, however, were not serious. One occurred at Praya East owing to a man running across the road in order to board a tramcar, and the other at the junction of Queen's Road and Murray Road.

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EUROPE via Negapatam (Letters only London 9th Oct.)	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10	Altai Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11	Pres. Adams
Saigon	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12	Angkor
Australia and Manila	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13	Tango Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14	Pres. McKinley
Japan	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14	Mishima Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

To	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4	Time
Samahai and Wuchow	8 a.m.	4 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., "South America," Canada & "EUROPE" via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco 28th Nov. & Europe via Siberia (Correspondence especially superimposed "via Siberia" only). Ship sails at midnight on Tuesday 4th Nov. Fare 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		
Fort Boyard	8 a.m.	5 p.m.
Saigon	8 a.m.	5 p.m.
Amoy	8 a.m.	5 p.m.
Swatow	8 a.m.	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius and E. Africa, Egypt, & "EUROPE" via Marseilles—due Marseilles 6th Dec. Registration 8.30 a.m. Letters 2.15 a.m. Fare 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5		
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6		
Saigon, Amoy and Formosa	8 a.m.	10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow	8 a.m.	11.30 a.m.
Japan	8 a.m.	5 p.m.
Manila	8 a.m.	5 p.m.
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Yefun Maru, (Japanese) M.B.K. for Dairen, Talogtau.
Limchow, (French) Shing Kee, for Haiphong, Pakhol.
Albert Sarraut, (French) Grimbale, for Hongay.
Shidzuoka Maru, (Japanese) N.Y.K. for Seattle, Shanghai.
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